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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: MEETING OF CAPE TOWN FIVE

1. THE CAPE TOWN FIVE MET THIS MORNING, MARCH 3, TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR THE INFORMAL MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA (USUN 720) AND TO WORK OUT PROCEDURES FOR BRIEFING INFLUENTIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA WITH A VIEW TO ENCOURAGING HELPFUL PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY THEM ON THE WESTERN PROPOSAL (USUN 716).

2. I INFORMED THE GROUP THAT I HAD BEEN ADVISED THIS MORNING BY UNDER SECRETARY VAN DALSEN THAT THE MINISTER HAD GONE TO WINDHOEK AND WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL LATE
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SATURDAY, MARCH 4, OR EARLY THE NEXT MORNING. IT WAS AGREED THAT SIR DAVID SCOTT AND I SHOULD UNDERTAKE THE INFORMATL MEETING WITH BOTHA. NOTING THAT THE DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION BY THE CONTACT GROUP (STATE 54713, USUN 716), THE GROUP EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A DECISION MIGHT BE REACHED IN TIME TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE TALKING POINTS FOR THE MEETING WITH

BOTHA. (THIS HAS NOW BEEN SET FOR 11:30 SUNDAY, MARCH 5.)

3. ON THE BRIEFINGS DESIGNED TO ELICIT SUPPORTING PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY INFLUENTIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA THE GROUP DECIDED ON THE FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTION OF TASKS:

--THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR WILL TALK TO CAPE TOWN EDITORS.

--SIR DAVID SCOTT WILL BE DOING THE SAME IN JOHANNESBURG NEXT TUESDAY, MARCH 7.

--I WILL START WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN POLICY STUDY GROUP OF THE NATIONAL PARTY CAUCUS AND MOVE ON TO OTHER MP OPPOSITION PARLIAMENTARIANS.

--THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR WILL TRAVEL TO NAMIBIA NEXT WEEK.

4. COMMENT: IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT AGREEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL PRIOR TO THE MEETING WITH BOTHA ON SUNDAY. WERE WE IN A POSITION TO INFORM HIM ALONG THE LINES OF THE PREFERRED OR FALLBACK POSITIONS (STATE 054713), IT WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL IN TRYING TO BRING HIM AROUND TO ACCEPTANCE OF THE PACKAGE.
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